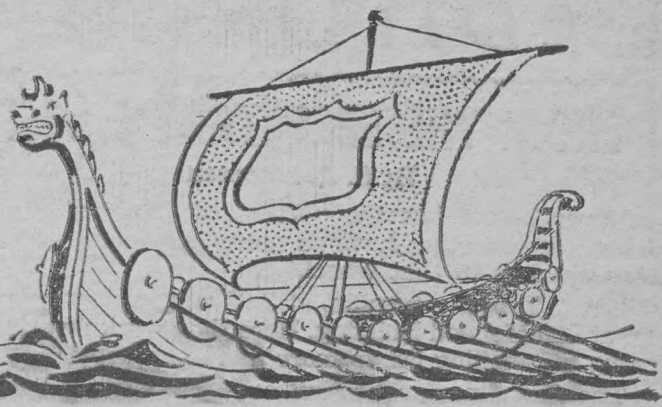


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Vasa Lodge Skandia No. 549

The members of Vasa Lodge Skandia No. 549 wish to congratulate the editor and staff of the Scandinavian Centre News on their first anniversary of publication.

The high-light of the Oct. 3 meeting of Vasa Lodge Skandia was the initiation of new members which was ably conducted by the Vasa Drill Team. The members admitted were Mrs. Emma Krag, Mrs. Anna Roos, Elizabeth Johnson, Peter Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Erickson, Lois Anderson, Henry Bennstrom, Wm. S. Kay, Martin Lindstrom and Karin Markstrom and Elwood Johnson from the Vasa Junior's club. Sister Eliasson presented Miss Markstrom and Mr. Johnson with honor certificates for their work with the Juniors.

Mrs. Martha Hokanson was presented with the 25 year membership pin. She joined the lodge in January, 1933.

Mrs. Betty Pearson, on behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary, made a presentation to the lodge of a beautiful

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Buford Vasa Lodge No. 577

When you think of Buford these days, think of mud, crops spoiling in the fields and sad expressions on the faces of farm animals and poultry due to the prospects of lean months ahead. This is what happened at the last lodge meeting. Our president Tony Lefsrud got stuck in the mire in his own lane and arrived late, so our vice-president Floyd Modin called the meeting to order. A Thanksgiving supper "Skorde Fest" was discussed at some length, but since the harvest seems to belong to next year we settled for a pan-cake supper instead.

We of the Buford Lodge wish to congratulate the Scandinavian Centre News on its first anniversary. It has done a lot to bring town and country together. It's a wonderful little paper and the staff can be proud of a job well done. Wishing you every success in the future, and that the Scandinavian people will realize their dream of a "Centre" very soon.

North Star Club

The North Star Club held its first meeting of the season on October 17 at the home of Mr. L. Petersson.

During the recent visit to Edmonton of the Swedish Ambassador to Canada, His Excellency, Oscar Thorsing, the club held a reception in his honor at the home of the chairman, Mr. Eskil Carlson.

Other activities during the summer included a social evening and a picnic.

DANIA (Danish Society)

With this issue the Scandinavian Centre News has had a year of existence. It was November 1958 when it first appeared in your mailbox and the fact that it is still arriving is to a large extent due to the kind co-operation of the different firms and persons who advertise in the paper, not forgetting our able editor, Mrs. F. O. Simmons and her staff of loyal helpers. It would be appreciated if more people come out and said just how they like this publication, and if there is anything they do not like — constructive criticism is always welcome. Only in this way can we give you our best. Also, please phone or write your correspondent if you have some news you would like to see in print. With this, we wish long life to our "Scandinavian Centre News."

Congratulations to Mr. Art Andersen who was elected vice-president for a term of two years in the Football Association. Good luck to you Art in helping to get a successful soccer campaign for 1960.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Per Arnt on the birth of their daughter, October 17 at the University hospital.

On October 10, Mr. Erling Torfdahl was married to Miss Lene Nielsen, and on October 17, Frode Mogensen took Miss Inger Nielson for his bride. Both weddings were solemnized at the Danish Lutheran Church. Our congratulations go to the happy couples.

An old gold digger from Grinstead, Denmark, the 83 year old Lars Andersen, died in Klondyke. He was a son of the well known Anders Chr. Andersen of Morsbol. Lars left home at the age of 18 years and has not been back since. He made good as a prospector, and

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Finnish Society

The Finnish Society of Edmonton wishes to extend birthday greetings to the Scandinavian Centre News on completing its first year of successful service. Congratulations go to the editor and staff for maintaining a paper which fills the needs and has the support of the Scandinavian people.

The dance and bazaar held Oct. 2 at McCauley hall was enjoyed by all who attended. Many interesting and useful articles as well as baked goods were sold during the evening. A "thank you" goes to everyone who attended and a special thanks to the ladies for donations made and help given to make the occasion a success.

The general meeting of the Finnish Society will be held on Nov. 4 at the home of the president, Mr. V. Salo, 10515-133 St. It is hoped that all members will attend this meeting.

Mrs. J. Rama entertained at her home when the sewing circle of the month was held there on Oct. 14. The next sewing circle will be at the home of Mrs. E. Honka, 10460-147 St. on Nov. 16. Everybody welcome.

A surprise house-warming party was held for Mr. and Mrs. Tony Leino on Oct. 10. Many friends attended and a gift of flowers was presented to the honored couple during the evening. Coffee was served and everyone had an enjoyable time.

Summer holidays are over and people are returning from vacation trips to Europe. Mr. Levio and Mr. Haikarainen are among the many who came back recently after spending the summer in Finland.

Have you bought a share in the Scandinavian Centre yet? If not, why delay any longer? Support the

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Icelandic Society

Friends of Herbie Vigfusson will sympathise with him in his illness which has hospitalized him for a few weeks. We wish him a speedy recovery. He is a patient in the General Hospital.

Visitors at the Sumarlidason home during October were Mrs. Sadie Lee and Mrs. Fred Brittain of Hilliers, Vancouver Island. Mrs. Lee plans on an extended visit in Alberta with her relatives in Edmonton and around Red Deer, her former home. Also from the west coast, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Sveinbjornson, of Vancouver, who renewed acquaintances in the city while visiting Mrs. Sveinbjornson's nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Maxson.

Mrs. D. MacKenzie, the former Gudrun Thordarson, of Whitelaw and Berwin, accompanied her husband to Edmonton where he entered the Mewburn hospital for therapy treatments for his illness. She was the guest of Mrs. W. S. McNaughton, and later continued her journey to visit her sister in Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. John Elliott entertained at a family gathering, on the occasion of the christening of their daughter, who was given the name of Margaret Agnes. The service was conducted in The Highlands United Church, with the Rev. A. E. King officiating. The baby girl is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. James W. McNaughton. An honored guest at the reception was the baby's great-grandmother, Mrs. W. S. McNaughton.

The Steini Jonsons enjoyed a pleasant holiday to their former home during August and September. Mrs. Jonson with Benji and Lois flew to Winnipeg, and later Mr. Jonson joined them by car to visit in Eriksdale, and Kenora, Ont. Steini's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Jonson, of Gimli, and his aunt, Mrs. T. Thompson made a stop over in Edmonton while returning home from a trip to Vancouver. They visited another son, Baldur in Leduc.

Mrs. Lloyd Newcombe of Warburg attended the two-day convention of the Leduc Division Teachers' Association held in Edmonton recently. At present, she is in charge of the Grade six class in the Warburg public school.

Mrs. Curley Marvin of the Sunwapa Toastmistresses Club was in Medicine Hat recently as a delegate to their convention. She was chosen Parliamentarian for her group.

Mr. J. Henriksen spent about eight weeks in the Swan Hills, Whitecourt area in the employ of

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MRS. ELISA STEPHENSEN

Sons Of Norway Solglyt Lodge

OBITUARY: MRS. ELISA STEPHENSEN — Funeral services for Mrs. Elisa Stephensen of 10541-80 Ave. were held on Thursday, Oct. 22 at 2:30 p.m. at Foster & McGravey Funeral Chapel with Rev. G. I. Hope officiating.

During the service, Mrs. Stephensen's favorite hymn "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" was sung by Mrs. Crystal MacDonald Fleuty, Angus and Jimmy MacDonald.

Honorary Pallbearers were Messrs. K. Storheim, J. Faltinson, G. Sorenson and H. Johnson and the active pallbearers were Messrs. K. Amdam, S. Sorenson, S. Johnson, E. Goyan, M. Myhre and J. Blackburn. The Sons of Norway formed an honor guard.

Members of the Sons of Norway will miss Mrs. Stephensen who was a good friend and a loyal member.

Born in the district of Nordfjord, Norway, Aug. 15, 1884, Mrs. Stephensen came to Canada as a bride in 1907. She has been a resident of Edmonton for 52 years and during this time contributed a great deal to community, church and lodge activities. Although active in organizations, Mrs. Stephensen found time to keep in close contact with many friends. She leaves to mourn her loss one daughter, Mrs. Johnson Campbell of Innisfail, Alberta; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

OCTOBER MEETING — Sons of Norway members and friends met at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 16 at the Masonic Temple to attend a dinner meeting. Following dinner two new members were initiated, Mrs. A. Laughlin of 9930-148 St. and Mrs. B. Nohr of 10501-153 St. After welcoming the new members there was a short business meeting. Members were pleased to learn that

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STAFF OF Scandinavian Centre News—Front row, left to right: Mrs. Rose Svidal, Sons of Norway; Lennart Petersson, business manager; Mrs. Ann Sahuri, Finnish Society. Back row: Art Anderson, director; Miss Verna Kvarnberg, secretary and photographer; Mr. Vera Nielson, Dania; Mrs. F. O. Simmons, editor; H. M. Sumarlidason, Icelandic Society and Mrs. Evelyn Modin, Vasa Lodge Skandia.

Attend 5th Annual Scandinavian night January 23, 1960

EDITORIAL

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

By S. A. Sorenson

Never before has the "Wheel of Progress" turned so quickly. Never before have so many volunteer workers put their shoulders to that wheel.

Every Tuesday evening, at 7:00 p.m., volunteer workers meet at 600 McLeod Building. Here they work feverishly, extending the mailing list to more and more people.

The Scandinavian committees representing their clubs are busy soliciting more volunteers for every kind of work.

The men of the Scandinavian Program are continually plugging for the Centre over the air-waves.

Every Director is actively thinking of new ideas and generally giving direction to all activities.

But perhaps the boys who are exerting the greatest energy are the group of 30 volunteer canvassers who are selling the shares that will provide the money. In their first week of effort, applications for 29 shares actually came across the Secretary's desk. When you consider that this represents 10% of all shares sold up to the beginning of the ten-week campaign October 13, 1959, this is truly an accomplishment. In this issue you will see the picture of the volunteer canvasser salesmen together with their names, addresses and phone numbers. Please make their task easier by receiving them well when they call or, better still, phone them and let them know you want to buy a share. Yes, buy your share now so that we may begin building in 1960.

To make the "Wheel of Progress" not only run at a greater pace than ever before, but run more smoothly with steadily increasing momentum, is the untiring work of Mrs. Simmons and the entire editorial staff. At this time we pay special tribute to them on their FIRST YEAR ANNIVERSARY of the SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE NEWS. In this issue you will see the picture of the complete editorial staff. When you have news of special interest, give them a call, thus helping to make the "NEWS" better and better. We rise to congratulate them on a job well done, and wish them well as they continue to oil the "WHEEL OF PROGRESS".

ONE YEAR OLD

Just a year ago we turned out the first issue of the Scandinavian Centre News. In the past few months we have been pushed for space in our four-page paper and so in this, our anniversary issue, we are doubling the size to eight pages, in order to get some held-over copy cleared up and allow room for extra publicity for the "Centre". This makes us feel real big and to celebrate the occasion we went all out and had some pictures taken. You will see one of the staff on page one. They are the folks who carry out the work of getting the paper out. Then there is a picture of the Secretary of the Scandinavian Centre Association, Mr. S. A. Sorenson. He is a very busy man these days so did not have time to pose for a new one so we used one that he had. There is a picture of the directors of the "Centre" and another of the group of people who are working night and day to get the share-selling campaign off to a flying start.

We think we are justified in saying that it has been a good year for our little paper. The circulation has more than doubled and at present is around the 2500 mark. News is coming in through our correspondents regularly and in increasing volume. Advertising has reached a satisfactory high for the space available and the directors of the "Centre", as well as the different clubs and lodges, have received publicity for their social and business activities according to their requirements. It has, we believe, accomplished much of what it was intended for and this carrying out of the various services, has been made possible through co-operation. Co-operation from the correspondents in turning in news on time; by members for giving out news and by the directors and executive members in the Scandinavian Centre Association for taking time to listen to problems as they have come up from time to time, and finding a solution to those problems. Their help and encouragement at all times has bolstered our efforts and kept the wheels running smoothly.

And then there are the good folks who have patronized the paper with their advertising. Without them we could not function. And of course the financial aid received from interested groups and persons has been a wonderful help. We have had the happy experience of people working together toward a specific goal and right now we want to thank all of you.

However, our job is far from finished — in fact only started. The big objective is the "Centre" and to that end we must keep our shoulders ever to the wheel. At the sales meeting and banquet of the volunteer canvassers' committee recently it was indeed gratifying to find in all present a tremendous enthusiasm. The atmosphere was bristling with it. Live discussions and promotional ideas were heard — and throughout the whole evening there was an air of confidence that the job WOULD BE DONE.

And so it will! And you can hurry it up — you can do much. If you have not already had a call from a canvasser,



VOLUNTEER CANVASSERS' COMMITTEE

ALCOT, Gustav, 11119-98 Avenue, GA 2-8088.

AMDAM, Kalmer, 10132-153 Street, HU 9-2404.

CARLSON, Eskil, 9126 - 118 Street, Residence GE 9-2941, Bus. GA 2-3373.

CHRISTENSEN, Per (Norman), 10951-164 Street, HU 9-4806.

ELIASSON, Mrs. Margaret, 13232-115 Avenue, GL 5-1843.

HANSEN, Peter, R.R. No. 3, Box 16, Edmonton, 2292-882.

HENRICKSON, J. C., 9526-75 Avenue, GE 3-3337.

HOLM-PEDERSEN, Knud, 7159-85 Street, HO 6-6626.

JENSEN, Chris, 11335 - 122 Street, HU 8-9281.

JOHNSON, Sigurd, 7939-92 Avenue, HO 6-1282.

LARSEN, Helge, 16306 - 109A Avenue, HU 9-6478.

LEFSRUD, Tony, Thorsby, Alberta, 36.

LOGAN, Henry, 9318-71 Avenue, GE 9-0347.

MJAATVEIT, Andy, 13563-123A Avenue, GL 5-3877.

MICHELSSEN, Harold, 16146 - 109A Avenue, HU 9-5272.

MODIN, Axel, 10507-79 Avenue, GE 9-2967.

MORTENSEN, Bert, 931 Birch Avenue, Sherwood Park, Residence OX 9-5226, Bus. Ext. 292 GA 4-0151.

NAVERSETH, Nels, 10157 - 122 Street, HU 8-4794.

NIELSEN, Eric, 10757-83 Avenue, GE 3-4430.

NIELSEN, Tom, 10029-85 Avenue, GE 9-0506.

NIELSEN, Mrs. Vera, 10029-85 Avenue, GE 9-0506.

NILSEN, Norman, 7220 - 91 Street, GE 3-6680.

PEDERSEN, Erik, 10182 - 116 Street, HU 8-4349.

PIERRE, Eric, 12831-122 Street, GL 5-5708.

PETERSSON, Lennart, 9929-116 Street, HU 8-6491.

RAMA, John, 9213-97 Street, GE 3-4254.

SORENSEN, Sig, 8909-77 Avenue, HO 6-1839.

SORENSEN, Mrs. Selma, 8909-77 Avenue, HO 6-1839.

SUND, Dudy O., 5211-109 Avenue, HO 6-0243.

SVIDAL, Knut L., 7819 Laurier Drive, HU 8-6558.



S. A. SORENSON
Secretary Scandinavian Centre
Co-op. Association

Club To Include Ladies From All Scandinavian Groups

At a special meeting held at the home of Mrs. A. Mjaatveit on Oct. 21, several important decisions were made. Under the leadership of Mrs. J. Fletcher, the members adopted a resolution that their meeting would be held at the Corona Hotel the second Wednesday of every month at 8 p.m. This well-known club which has sponsored and worked for many worthwhile projects further resolved to support fully the efforts of the Scandinavian Centre, and to help make their work more effective, to invite ladies from other Scandinavian groups to become members. Mrs. Fletcher invites all interested ladies to contact her at GR 7-6923 for further information.

Finnish Society

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Scandinavian Centre by phoning GE 3-4254, and buy one or more shares right away.

When Paul Anka visited Finland recently, thousands of people, especially teenagers turned out to see him and hear him sing. He told reporters that one of the reasons he does not go out with girls very often is his small stature. He said, "American girls are very tall." Paul Anka thinks his fame is just good luck.

Jos tiedatte henkiloita jotka ovat kiinnostuneita tasta lehdesta niin lahettakaa nimi ja osoite joko toimittajalle tai suomalaister kirjenvaihtajalle. Uutiset ovat aina erittain tervetulleita ja ne voidaan lahettaa samoin kuin edella mainitaan.

Miss Anneli-Korvenkari of Finland attended the recent Junior Red Cross International Study Centre in Toronto. She is one of the girls who received grants from UNESCO to go around the world as goodwill ambassadors.

Don't forget the children's Christmas party which will be held in McCauley Hall on Dec. 4. A

and extends an invitation to attend the next meeting at the Corona Hotel on November 11 at 8 p.m.

program is planned for the children and "Joulupukki" will bring gifts as in previous years.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. G. Jaakkola who purchased a new home recently.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Utunen and Mr. and Mrs. J. Sahuri spent a weekend recently at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Eino Ikonen of Thorhild. Mr. and Mrs. Ikonen were active members of the Finnish Society before leaving Edmonton.

A welcome home is extended to Mrs. M. Viitanen upon her return last month from her trip to Finland.

Mrs. Mary Carlson celebrated her 80th birthday on Oct. 18. She wishes to thank her Finnish friends for the beautiful flowers and a "thank you" to her Rich Lake friends for the gifts they sent her.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rama of Dawson Creek visited relatives in Edmonton recently.

In Memoriam

PEARSON — In loving memory of Bruce, who passed away October 18, 1958.

A wonderful husband and father, One of the best;

God grant him eternal rest.

Loving memory is our treasure.

—Ever remembered by Mary, Lillian, Mike, Ken and Bernice.

KNOWLEDGE

The teacher asked the three-year old Sunday School class: "Do any of you remember who St. Matthew was?" No answer.

"Well, who was St. Mark?" Still no answer.

"Surely someone must remember who Peter was?"

The little faces were full of interest, but the room was quiet. Finally, a tiny voice came from the back of the room. "I think he was a wabbit."

The Scandinavian Centre News wish to thank MRS. A. KARI of High Lake, Alberta who sent in a sum of money in appreciation of the paper.

ALL ABOARD FOR SCANDINAVIA

Yes, we hope everyone will be all aboard on Saturday, January 23, 1960 at the Jubilee Auditorium. The members of the Scandinavian Centre cultural committee are completing arrangements for an outstanding talent review to go on stage at the Fifth Annual Scandinavian Nite. This will be the biggest Scandinavian Nite yet. For your comfort "All Aboard for Scandinavia" goes on stage in the main auditorium. Dancing and lunch are featured on the entire lower floor of the auditorium.

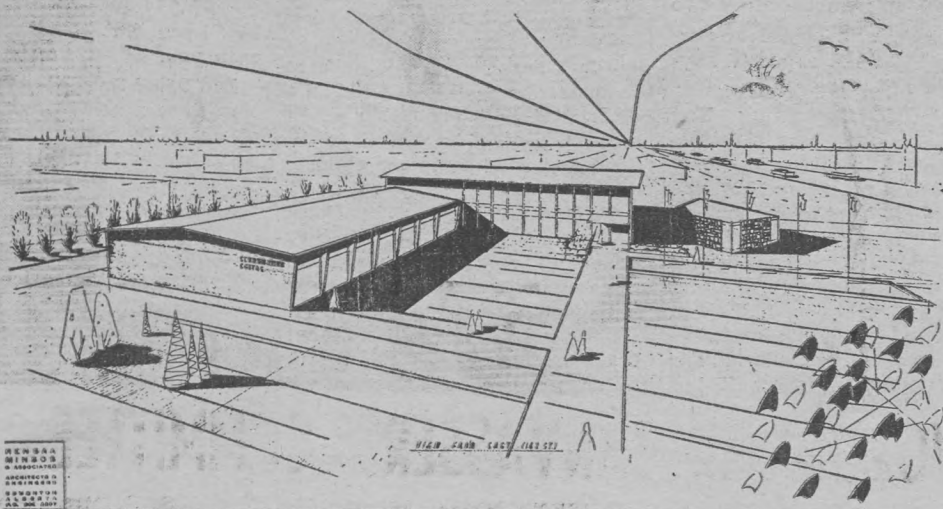
Mark your social calendar NOW for "ALL ABOARD FOR SCANDINAVIA" at JUBILEE AUDITORIUM on JANUARY 23, 1960.

pick out a name from the list of volunteers appearing in this issue, give him or her a call, and let it be known that you too are enthusiastic, and that you want to invest in a share or two or three, and help in any other way you can.

Again we say "Heave Ho!" Let's keep rolling.

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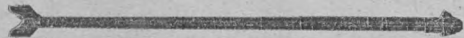
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 2. Annual Scandinavian Night.
 3. Annual Exhibition Booth.
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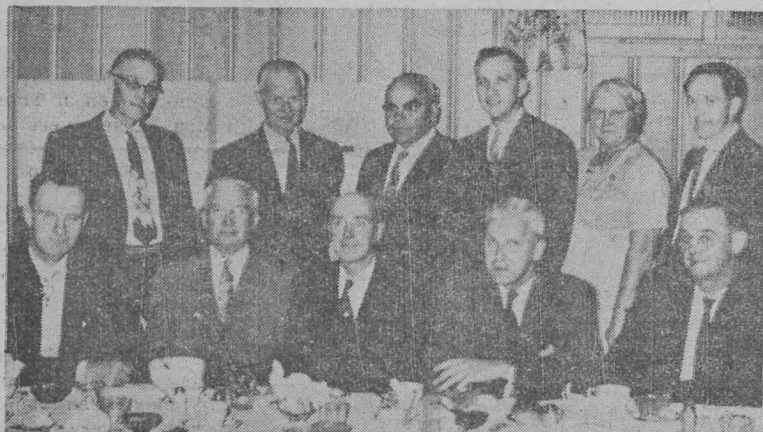
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DIRECTORS of Scandinavian Centre Co-operative Association: Front row, left to right: Secretary S. A. Sorenson; J. Luoma; President G. R. Larson; O. S. Franzen; Art Anderson. Standing: Mons Eliasson; H. M. Haldorson; J. Rama; Mrs. Vera Nielsen; Carl Quitsau.

son and may be reserved by contacting K. L. Svidal at GA 4-7311 or Mrs. Sivertsen at GA 2-5990. Dress optional.

Mrs. M. MacDonald was pleasantly surprised recently when her brother from Vancouver paid an unexpected visit to Edmonton.

Mr. and Mrs. Olsen from Norway are spending a six-month vacation in Edmonton visiting with their son Mr. Carl Olsen and his family.

Squadron Leader Muriel McArthur, who is stationed at Ottawa, was a dinner guest at the home of Mrs. M. MacDonald recently. Squadron Leader McArthur is on a tour inspecting air bases in Canada.

Mrs. Arne Lee left by plane on Oct. 2 to visit relatives in Den Haag, Holland. Mrs. Lee expects to return sometime in November.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Svidal and son Curtis motored to Coronation where they were joined by Mr. Svidal's mother, who continued with them on their vacation trip to Spokane. While in Calgary they visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Anders Anderson, formerly of Edmonton.

BOWLING BY-LINE — Sons of Norway bowlers continue to enjoy the friendly competition of their games every Monday at the Windsor Bowl. League standing are as follows: High team, Andy Mjaatveit's Northern Lights; Women's high single, Inge Borgersen; Women's high triple, Betty McKeveit; Men's high single and triple, Bernard Olafson.

Mrs. N. Mjaatveit, who is still in the hospital following injuries sustained in an automobile accident earlier this year, is making good progress.

Mr. J. Berild, who has recently

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A Few Facts About Finland

Finland is the land of thousands of lakes, green forests and white snow. It is the land of light summer nights and wintery nothern lights. There one can travel for hours along the narrow straits and between the numerous islands. And though the mountains do not reach the clouds, the traveller sees endless stretches of dark fir-forest and blue lakes from the top of the mountains in Savo and Lapland.

On top of a small hill by the shore of Valkjarvi is the simple small house where Elias Lonnrot was born. It was he who collected and put together the poems Kalevala, the national epic of the Finnish people.

There are many old castles in Finland. To name a few, there is Olavinlinna in Kyrönsalmi strait between Haapavesi and Pihlajavesi. It was founded by Erik Axelsson Tott in 1475. And there is the castle

been in the hospital, is now at home.

TRIBUTE — The Sons of Norway Lodge wish to commend the Scandinavian entre board of directors for establishing the Scandinavian Centre News and congratulate Mrs. Simmons and her staff on the first anniversary of the paper.

ENGAGEMENT — Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Sorenson announce the engagement of their elder daughter, Betty May, to Wayne Knight of Brantford, Ont.

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on a successful year of service

of Turku which was built in the 13th century to protect the river-mouth. Now it contains a large museum, consisting of about 100 rooms.

Helsinki has been a capital of Finland since 1819. It was founded in 1550. There is the Stadion which was the main scene of the Olympic games in 1952.

These are few facts about Finland. The land, where the summer lasts only a third of the year, but where the sun forgets to set when summer has come.

Curious, the man dropped his rake and cautiously approached the little green men. "Excuse me," he said, "but what are you fellows looking for?"

One of the little green men glanced at him scornfully and answered, "Little green women, of course."

Note for vacationists. If you look like your passport photograph, you need the trip.

Sons Of Norway

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Earl Berg Jr. is also a new member of the lodge.

The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing to the music of Mr. Carl Elgstrom.

NOVEMBER MEETING — Be sure to be out on Nov. 13. Important decisions are being made concerning your lodge. All members are urged to be present at the Masonic Temple at 8:15 p.m.

LUTEFISK DINNER, Nov. 21 — Highlight of the Sons of Norway social year is the very popular annual event, the Lutfisk Dinner, which will this year be held on Saturday, Nov. 21 at 6 p.m. at the Masonic Temple. Besides featuring the Norwegian delicacy, Lutfisk, the menu will include a wide variety of delicious dishes.

The supper will be held in the dining room from 6 to 8 p.m. A special program under the direction of Mrs. M. MacDonald will be on the stage at the auditorium from 8 to 9 p.m. To complete the evening a dance will follow with

two orchestras in attendance. One orchestra will be in the auditorium playing old time Scandinavian music while in the dining room an orchestra featuring modern music will play for those who prefer this type of music.

Tickets will be available from various Sons of Norway members and reservations for tickets may be made by phoning Mrs. R. Sivertsen, social director, at GA 2-5990. The price per person for the entire evening is only \$2.00.

NEW YEAR'S EVE FROLIC — The Sons of Norway take pleasure in holding their second annual New Year's Eve Frolic in the Corona Hotel. In view of the popularity of last year's party, the plans are now completed and accommodation has been arranged for two hundred persons. The evening which will feature a smorgasbord and bar will commence at 9 p.m. and continue until 2 a.m. A fine orchestra will be in attendance. The committee has provided for novelties, and special dance prizes to make the evening a truly gala affair. The Sons of Norway invite all Scandinavians and their friends to attend. Tickets are now available at \$5.00 per per-

MY SCANDINAVIAN TOUR

Dear Scandinavian Friends:

A little over a year ago I had the pleasure of revisiting my native land, Sweden, and at the same time to see something of Denmark, Norway and Finland. Due to an accident I had to cancel my reservation by boat, and later found it impossible to renew it, so I had the thrilling experience of going by air. It's magic, pure and simple. We left Edmonton at 4 a.m. on June 23 and arrived in Sweden 11 a.m. Swedish time on the 24th, with stops at Toronto, New York and Copenhagen; we were actually in the air only 19 hours. The Scandinavian Airlines planes are clean and comfortable, the food excellent, and the staff courteous and kind.

Because of an early start I was very tired, and glad when the time came to "turn in" and like Goldilocks, I found the bed "just right" and had a restful sleep, walking just in time to get dressed and have breakfast before landing.

We had been travelling 17,000 feet above the sea. Looking down it seemed as if we were floating over a never-ending snow field of hills and valleys, connected here and there with gossamer cloud bridges, while above the sun streamed down from a cloudless blue sky. As we were nearing Denmark we got glimpses of land and sea under us, and presently we were down. It had taken exactly 11 hours to cross the Atlantic! What will the future hold?

Denmark has a very smart airport. Upholstered Danish furniture are pleasingly grouped, no hard benches here. There is not a speck of dust nor any paper scraps or

cigarette stubs about. Nobody was there to tell you not to litter up the place and I saw no written warnings. Everybody was smiling and looked happy.

My luggage being booked for Sweden, I lost no time at the customs, so I was free to look at the many tempting things about me. There were lovely displays of silver, glass, pewter, knitted things, etc. The restraint and purity of Danish design is of course well known and need not be elaborated upon. I hope to spend more time in Denmark if and when I go back again. It is a country of great appeal. I had been there before, but then it was to see historical sights only. However, the call came to board the plane for Sweden. We flew quite low now, so that people could be seen working in the fields, and we got an impression of the freshness and satisfaction of rural life. I am told though, that the Danes are merchants at heart, and like nothing better than to sell things to one another.

On reaching Sweden we flew over Scania (Skane) and following the east coast I saw Gotland and Oland below, and then we came to the skerries of Stockholm. It is a beautiful sight. The colors are gorgeous—the emerald green of the meadows, the gold of rape fields, the aged, warm reds of the farmsteads, and here and there, as if for accent, white and ochre colored villas, surrounded by tall spreading trees; children playing on the beaches, little white skiffs on the blue waters of the Baltic that surrounds each little island. And this was my own country!

Suddenly we swooped down at Bromma, and before I could catch my breath I was embraced by two charming neices, a complete surprise since I had not expected anyone to meet me.

Stockholm is fascinating. You could spend weeks there sightseeing and penetrating into the musty corners of such places as Nordiska Museet, art galleries, churches and castles; Millesgarden and Skansen; and shops, such as Svenskt Tenn, craft shops, Nordiska Companiet, etc. The town hall is a typical piece of Nordic architecture, not too ultra modern. The setting is beautiful where it lies mirrored in Lake Malar and the rocky cliffs of Soder beyond. It is constructed of hand made Swedish bricks in an uneven texture, which gives the surface of the walls an interplay of light and shadow. The color is deep red.

In constructing the building, and the interior decoration, the architect employed Swedish talent only—engineers, workmen, artists and craftsmen. The Blue Hall (which is not blue), the Golden Banquet Hall, the Prince's Gallery, and the Vault of The Hundred, afford a fine example of modern interior decoration.

Stockholm though, was not the end of my journey, but Sunne, Varmland, a small town, known for no other reason than as the birth place of Selma Lagerlof. This year (1958) many things had been planned for the centennial celebration of her birth. Authors from every part of the globe had come to pay her tribute. There were the Selma Lagerlof plays, performed in the open, by her beloved lake "Loven", (Fryken). These plays consist of excerpts from her books and also depict her life story. They

are both humorous and moving. In one scene the village school master came on the stage with his pupils, to greet Miss Lagerlof on her return from her travels. A friend of hers happened to be returning too, arriving just ahead of Selma. Not knowing either of the ladies, the teacher bowed to the friend and nodding to the children, they immediately started "Ack, Varmeland du skona..." pathetic, sweet, nostalgic (to me), but ex-cruciatingly off key. A board member came up, with all the authority and pomposity a board member can assume, and ordered the teacher back to school, "where you belong, and not celebrating a woman, who fills the minds of children with such nonsense as brownies and elves". Humbly the teacher leaves, followed by the cowed children. Turning to the audience he said in broadest "Varmlandska", "Ja, ve gar fell da, issynnerhet som de va ett messtag." The little group served to fill a gap in the play, and very neatly, and the board member only echoed what was often said of the author at that time. It was not until years later that she became understood and appreciated.

I am one of the fortunate few whose family still live in the land of their fathers; and I was warmly welcomed by them all. Still, too many were gone, and I missed them. I too am nearer that goal. I can say with Oscar Stjerne, "Underligt ar att vandra den leden, dar jag lekt en gang i min barndoms eden.

Underligt kanns att ga trott under suckande grenar, dar jag som barn sprang glad over stockar och stenar."

There is something special about paths that your own people have trod for centuries. Memories long dormant return in full force, and

you walk again with your loved ones. Time that heals all wounds makes the loss of their presence less keen, but their spirit is still with you.

Did I find Sweden very changed? Yes, very much so, when thinking of my early years there. Families who then had at least two or three servants, besides tenants to call on for extra help, are now managing alone, or when lucky, one man and a woman coming by the day. But of course electrification of the rural areas has made everything much easier. The housewife now cooks with electricity; she has an electric washing machine, refrigerator, hot and cold water, and a bath room. Few families bother with more cows than is necessary to supply themselves with milk. Some farmers haven't a horse at all, operators with tractors are hired for seeding and harvesting. I overheard a conversation one day on this subject between my nephew and a friend. The friend asked, "Why do you keep those old nags in the paddock?" "Well, they don't eat much, and are not much trouble. I look on them as faithful old servants." Says the friend, "There is no such thing as faithful old servants any more."

Perhaps this is progress. Certainly there is no want anywhere in the Scandinavian countries as far as I could see. But what is gained in one way is probably lost in another, and the question is, whether people are happier working in factories than working in the fields or hmoes. Juvenile delinquency is a problem there as here.

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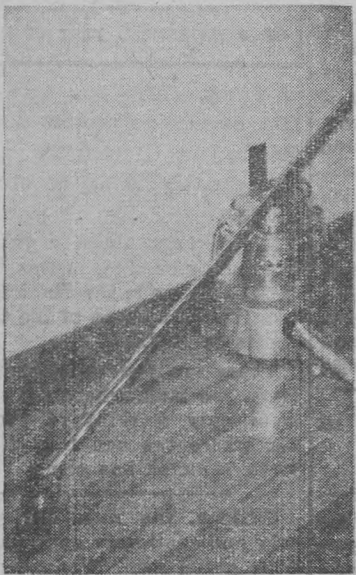
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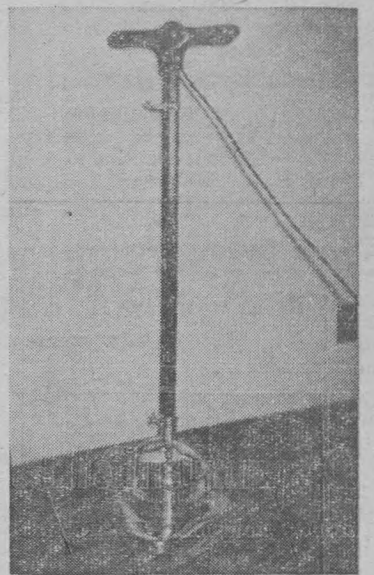
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The committee appointed to take charge of the smorgasbord to be held Nov. 28, were E. Pierre, S. Johnson and E. Bergquist.

BERNICE LINDBERG - KEN PEARSON WED — St. George's Anglican Church was the setting for the recent wedding of Miss Bernice Lindberg, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Lindberg to Mr. Bruce Kenneth Pearson, son of Mrs. Bruce Pearson and the late Mr. Bruce Pearson, all of Edmonton. Rev. J. A. Langstone read the marriage vows for the double-ring ceremony before an altar banked with baskets of bronze, gold and orange mums.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, chose a floor-length gown of white nylon organdy over slipper satin and net. A double queen's crown of iridescent sequins held in place the chapel length veil and she carried a cascade bouquet of pink sweetheart roses and lily of the valley.

Attending the bride were Mrs. M. F. Collins, matron of honor; Miss Cawlyn Lindberg, maid of honor and Miss Helen Erickson and Miss Doreen Engvall as bridesmaids. They all wore identical princess styled gowns of turquoise crystal charm and carried bouquets of yellow mums with matching headbands and white accessories.

Mr. M. F. Collins was best man and the ushers were Ted Pinchbeck, Bill Orbeck, Wayne Modin, Dean Lindberg, brother of the bride, and Reynold Nelson. Mrs. D. D. Lewis was the soloist.

After the ceremony a reception and dance were held for 200 guests in the I.O.O.F. Temple. Grace was said by Michael Collins and Dr. W. R. Stuart proposed the toast to the bride.

The bride's mother chose a dusty rose sheath for her daughter's wedding, with matching accessories, and a corsage of talisman roses. The groom's mother wore a blue lace dress with pink accessories and a corsage of pink roses.

Miss Eunice Gray, cousin of the bride was in charge of the guest book.

For going away the bride chose a wool plaid sheath in rust and green with accessories in panama and rust and a corsage of talisman roses pinned at her shoulder.

After a wedding trip to Calgary and Banff Mr. and Mrs. Pearson will make their home in Edmonton.

AMBASSADOR HONORED — Park Hotel banquet room was the scene of an informal gathering recently when Vasa Lodge Scandia entertained in honor of His Excellency Oscar Thorsing, Swedish Ambassador to Canada and Mrs. Thorsing, who were in Edmonton for a few days on their tour of Western Canada. At the banquet Mr. Sigurd Johnson, chairman, introduced the guests of honor and others at the head table, and Rev. D. Sjoberg said Grace.

After the dinner the honored guests were welcomed and Mr. Thorsing replied with a short talk. He thanked the hosts for affording him the opportunity of meeting so many people of the Swedish nationality.

In his speech, which was partly in English and partly in Swedish, Mr. Thorsing expressed delight in finding that the Swedish people, wherever they have settled in foreign lands, have to a great extent retained their language and much of their culture. He said they were a people, strong for organization, and a desire for order, both in their personal lives and that of the communities where they live. He stated that in Sweden, organizations other than political, had

considerable influence in the political life of that country, in that they presented resolutions for necessary changes to the government and these resolutions were frequently acted upon. He remarked that there was much common ground between Sweden as well as the other Scandinavian countries, and Canada; and he voiced the hope that the policy of the Scandinavian people which is to try to settle world differences through world courts rather than by war, would have some influence with the United Nations.

After the speeches the Swedish folk dancing team performed in their colorful costumes when they danced the Schottische, the Ox Dance and Quadrille, with Mrs. Lilly Taylor playing the music on the accordion.

There followed a period of friendly talk and getting acquainted.

MY VASA TOUR, John Ogren—

On May 8 last, after saying goodbye to my wife, my son Andy, his family and some friends, we boarded the C.N.R. train here in Edmonton to start our journey to Sweden. I, as a member of Vasa Lodge Scandia No. 549, had booked to join the Vasa tour via the Steamship M.S. Gripsholm, along with my travelling companion (non-member), John Engblom of Vancouver.

We arrived in New York on May 12 and stayed at the Wellington Hotel over night. In the morning we were surprised to learn that we had a visitor, Don Hobbs, formerly of Edmonton but now residing in New York where he works for Bjizer & Co. doing research. We were invited to his home in Long Island, 30 miles out but still in New York City. We spent a very pleasant afternoon with Mr. Hobbs and his family and thanks to him, enjoyed our stay in New York and saw some of the sights.

That evening, May 13, we boarded the M.S. Gripsholm, but I am leaving the story of the trip across the Atlantic as it was well described by Daniel Birgers in his "Random Notes on an Ocean Voyage", which appeared in the September issue of Vasa Star. He is the editor of that publication and I am convinced after reading his article that I could not add anything to interest the readers. I only want to say that we enjoyed every day of the trip. The weather was fine; there was a friendly atmosphere and

hearty handclaps when meeting and getting acquainted with fellow members. The food was excellent, there was lots of entertainment aboard and no one was homesicks or seasick.

We landed in Gottenburg on May 22 after a stop at Copenhagen. Here we went through customs and as the train for Stockholm left in an hour there was no time for sight-seeing.

On our stay in the capital city we went on tours and it was a wonderful experience to me as I had never had the opportunity to visit Stockholm before coming to Canada 47 years ago. We saw the palace where Swedish monarchs have lived and reigned for many centuries as well as many other interesting places.

We left Vasa tour in Stockholm and went to Nalden, Jamtland, which is near the place where I was born. This is where my sister lives, and her sons and daughters and their families. They all made us feel very welcome and at home. Later we made trips to places where I had spent my youth. Being the month of May, the seeded crop lands were already being covered with a fresh carpet of green throughout the farming country, and the wild flowers were trying to outdo one another to make the picture complete. And, wherever you travel in Sweden there are the inland lakes with mountains for background. After my long absence from this wonderland it looked beautiful to me.

The cost of living in Sweden as compared to Canada is much the same for food, but clothing and footwear are cheaper. The wages for common labor seemed to cover living expenses, even the family car. The people seemed satisfied and very few were interested in leaving the country to try their luck elsewhere.

The weeks went by all too quickly and it was soon time to pack for my return to Canada, this time alone, as my friend Mr. Engblom decided to stay in Sweden for another few months. We left on the M.S. Stockholm on July 14 and had a pleasant journey back to New York. Back home again I have many wonderful memories of the Vasa tour to Sweden, which will linger with me for a long time to come.

Lodge members and friends were sorry to hear that Mrs. Inga Shaw

has been forced to discontinue her work due to ill health. Her assistance in lodge activities has been sorely missed and hopes are expressed for an early recovery.

Mrs. U. Pearson and Mrs. Takla Nylen who have been in hospital recently, are extended wishes for speedy recoveries.

The next meeting of the Women's Auxiliary will be held at the home of Mrs. Rydman, 11247-65 St., on Nov. 14. This is an important meeting as plans will be made for the Smorgasbord Nov. 28. A good turn-out of members will be appreciated.

Mrs. Mary Pearson entertained at a coffee party in honor of Mrs. Martha Hokanson who was in Edmonton visiting friends and to attend the Lindberg-Pearson wedding. She has since returned to her home in New Westminster, B.C.

Mrs. Amunda Nelson has returned to her daughter, Mrs. Helga Johnson after visiting relatives at Provost and Macklin for the past few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. "Bud" Smith have returned from a two week vacation when they visited friends in B.C.

Mrs. Ralph Granath spent two weeks holiday in Toronto visiting her brother. Her mother, Mrs. Ahlberg, who visited Edmonton during the summer, is now in Toronto and

will be returning to her home in Sweden shortly.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Johnson were on a pheasant hunting trip to Picture Butte recently.

Mrs. Cliff Dahl has returned from a three-week trip to Hawaii. While there she attended the wedding of her daughter Connie.

Miss Geraldine Johnson has commenced nurse's training at the University Hospital.

The first meeting of the Children's Club was held at the I.O.O.F. Temple on the afternoon of Oct. 18. Seventeen children attended. They are now under the leadership of Raul Nyroos, with the assistance of Mrs. Evelyn Johnson and Mrs. Alice Johnson and Mrs. Inga Shaw, who will play the piano for the Christmas concert which is being organized at present.

Mrs. Anna Johnson has returned to Edmonton after a long visit with her sister in Vancouver.

Mrs. Lily Taylor is busy with arrangements for the program for the Smorgasbord night on Nov. 28, and members of the dance team are practising in preparation for performing the same night.

Mrs. Evelyn Modin is the new Vasa Lodge correspondent for the Scandinavian Centre News. Please advise her of any events of interest in the future. Her telephone number is GR 9-0795.

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To flee from chilly blast and forage gone;
No time for loitering farewells, this season taunts
Them, and they're off, none left to perish here alone.

The Indian Summer so looked forward to in fall
Is late in coming with its time of ease,
In fact it may not come our way at all
If this unwelcome wave of winter does not cease.
—Elsie Simmons

Education In Denmark

Since 1814 instruction in Denmark has been compulsory. The obligation includes all children between 7 and 14 years of age; but their parents are free as to the manner in which to comply with their duty to care for the education of the children whether to teach them themselves or whether they want to send them to a private or public school. By far the greater part, however prefer to have their children attend the public and free municipal schools.

Out of 400,000 children in the compulsory school age only 374 were taught in their homes, 31,000 in private schools and 367,000 in municipal schools. About 15% of the children attended examination schools, and close on 3000 pupils obtain yearly the Higher School Certificate, thereby acquiring the right to pursue their education at one of the colleges for further scientific studies.

Of Universities, properly speaking, there are two in Denmark: the University of Copenhagen, founded in 1479, and the University of Aarhus, established in 1933. At the Copenhagen University all the current subjects may be studied.

In conjunction with the University of Copenhagen a number of scientific institutes and laboratories are working among which may be mentioned the important Institute for Physiological Research paid for by The Rockefeller Foundation, and the Institute for Theoretical Physics conducted by Professor Niels Bohr whose staff have carried on extensive investigations in the field of atomic research.

While the University of Copenhagen is about 500 years old, and rich in old traditions, the University of Aarhus was built only in 1933 and consequently modern lines. The accommodation at present is not too good, as part of the University was destroyed in the course of an attack made by the R.A.F. in 1944 when the Germans had requisitioned the buildings for use of the Gestapo.

The third High School to be mentioned is the Technical High School of Denmark, situated in Copenhagen, and where the education of civil engineers takes place. Further is found, likewise in Copenhagen, the Royal Veterinary and Agricultural College where veterinary, agricultural and forestry subjects are taught, besides a number of other schools of a more specialized character.

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DIRECTORS AND CHAIRMEN MEET

The second annual dinner meeting of the directors of the Scandinavian Center and the chairmen of the five Scandinavian groups was held in the Royal George Hotel on Tuesday, Oct. 20. There was a good turn-out of members as well as representatives of the press and CKUA Radio Station.

K. Svidal called the meeting to order and after the sumptuous dinner Pres. G. A. Larson reviewed the year's progress since the last meeting. He gave thanks to the CKUA radio announcers on the Scandinavian program for allowing some of their time allotment to be used in publicizing the Scandinavian Centre.

Secretary S. A. Sorenson showed a color film of the "Centre's" exhibition float and part of the parade, and scenes of the picnic at Elk Island Park and some of the performance at the band shell. At the request of the gathering he also showed a film of Norway taken when he visited that country in 1958.

After a brief recess there were various short speeches, one dealing with terms of the lease of the site for the Scandinavian Centre with the city. The sketch plan of the Centre was on display and there was some discussion in regard to the layout.

It was pointed out that the plan was tentative and subject to change should it become desirable. Hopes were expressed that the building would commence in 1960.

Ways and means of raising money were discussed and it was recommended that the chairmen approach their groups with a view to purchasing more shares by the groups.

The forthcoming visit to Edmonton of Ingemar Johanson was brought up and consideration given to the possibility of holding a pub-

lic function where he could appear. Similar suggestions were made in regard to the Olympic team's visit to Edmonton. The showing of Scandinavian films as a money-making project was also suggested.

The young people came in for some discussion when some members felt that the organization should place more emphasis on sports activities such as foot-ball and bowling. One member stated that he was pleased to see so many young faces among the volunteer canvassers and hoped that this was an indication of greater interest by our youth in the work of the Centre.

It was agreed that there should be a panel of speakers in readiness to visit gatherings of other groups other than their own for the purpose of promoting interest between the groups and to introduce ideas from sources outside the individual groups.

Before the meeting closed there were some questions asked regarding the Fifth annual Scandinavian Nite and it was disclosed that tickets for this function would be on sale by November 3.

S. A. Sorenson Attends Claresholm Lodge

Mr. S. A. Sorenson, President of the Sons of Norway Fourth District, and Mrs. Sorenson, motored to Claresholm recently to attend a dinner meeting of the Claresholm Hamar Lodge No. 345.

During the program the lodge presented a Grade IX bursary to Karen Berg of Claresholm. Following this Mr. Sorenson spoke briefly on "Success" and presented the President of the Year shield to Mrs. Mary Anderson and the President's Trophy to Mrs. Gladys

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Petersen, both of Claresholm.

During their stay, Mr. and Mrs. Sorenson were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Petersen.

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little or nothing to pay, and the pensions are generous. Some nursing homes are quite expensive, I was told, but even they are subsidized by the government. With no help available in the homes, it has become necessary to find a place for those who need care. This arrangement may sound ideal, and under the circumstances it is, but it does cause heart aches too. The young feel cruel and inadequate, and the old are sad to leave their homes and loved ones.

Grieg's music, Ibsen's plays, Bjornson's poetry and Knut Hamsun's novels have made Norway so well known, you need only say the word and visions of waterfalls, snow topped mountains and fjords follow each other before your inner eye. The country offers a grandeur almost unequalled. And you are filled with admiration for the people, who can eke out a living from the meagre soil. However, it's not from the soil alone, but from the mountain ore and the sea they find their livelihood. Nevertheless, they are a sturdy, hard working race.

Oslo is beautifully situated on the Oslo fjord. It has a wonderful natural harbor, where you find ships from everywhere. Close by is the town hall, an elaborate construction of stone, very ornate with richly colored murals. A tremendous fountain in the courtyard gives a refreshing feeling on a hot, dusty day. Within walking distance there is an interesting old church, and a little farther you will find art and craft shops. From there you drive up Karl Johan's gade (street) to the parliament buildings and the university, and just across is the Royal Castle, not so imposing as you might expect, but neither has it the forbidding appearance of some other European palaces.

You drive on, because you want to see for yourself the much discussed Wigeland Park, and the works of this sculptor of whom you have heard so many controversial comments. It is really overwhelming what one mere man has accomplished in a life time.

Before leaving Oslo we went up into an observation tower on the outskirts of the city, where you can look far out over the fjord. Not so very far out the fjord narrows, and on both sides there are forts. It is hard to imagine how an enemy fleet could pass through there without being destroyed. I thought of how the Germans got through unharmed. But then, that was not a matter of defence, but of treason.

My next stop was Finland. I arrived in Helsingfors just in time for

breakfast. The Kastikartano restaurant had been recommended to me as the most typically Finnish. It is on the second floor of a building that formerly was a private home. On the main floor is now the Kalevala shop, where you can buy "Trollsmycken" (magic trinkets), very interesting too. At the top of the stairs leading to the restaurant stands a sculpture in wood, representing Lauhiakka, a central figure in the Kalevala legend. The dining hall is tremendous. The beams in the ceiling show marks of the workmen's axes. The pillars supporting the ceiling, also of wood, are heavy, and carved at the top in intricate patterns.

I chanced to sit at the same table as a Finnish lady who spoke Swedish as well as Finnish, English and German (nothing unusual in Europe). She told me that huge families used to live there together, from great-grandfather to youngest child. The grandfather never gave up his reign before his death. All had to obey him.

My new acquaintance was very interesting, and told me of things that happened during and after the war. I was surprised to see this old building standing and asked if that part of town had been spared by the Russians. "Spared", she cried. "Nothing was spared, of course they could not destroy everything, and it is just by chance that this building stands. Just walk down a few blocks from here and you will find only new buildings replacing those destroyed in the war." She told me how people were starving; how they walked in shoes made of wood and paper—wood for the sole and paper for tops. Paper clothing too for those who were not lucky enough to secure some extra clothing, or able to go to the attic and find old things. It was tragic to be

caught in a shower. But the Finnish people have a way of coming back to normal. In Helsingfors at least you see no sign of poverty now.

Finnish architecture and design is much talked of in Canada and elsewhere these days, and deservedly so. Being especially interested in crafts, I kept my eyes open for new ideas. On Georgsgatan there is a shop where you will find some beautiful pottery, weaving and needlework. Then there is the unique ceramic factory, Arabia. They employ several artists to give new impetus to their patterns. The best known of these artists is possibly Mikael Schilkin for his designs in glazed tile in bas-relief. This of course is merely touching on things being done over there.

It was now my intention to return to my home in Canada. But fate decided otherwise. When I came back to Sunne I had an accident and had to spend three months in hospital. It was not until December that I was able to travel, so I arrived home only a day before Christmas eve. Since then there has been one thing and another to prevent me from jotting down the above. I hope it will be of some interest to my Scandinavian friends.

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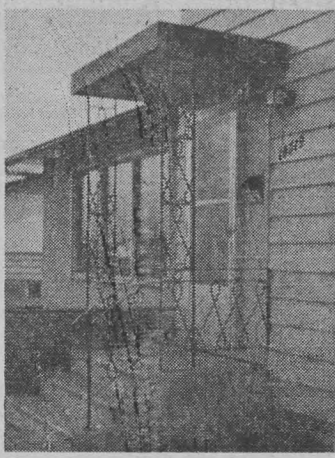
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DANIA

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Lived together with his brother Chr. Otto Andersen, 81 years old, for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Eveld Rasmussen from the Danish colony "Dalum" in Alberta are at present in Denmark on a holiday. It turned out to be a sad experience instead of relaxing and restful. March 16 was to have been the date of their departure from Denmark, but Mrs. Rasmussen was taken ill a few days before and was admitted to Holsterbro Hospital and so their return home was postponed. Since then, a new tragedy overtook them when they got word that their son-in-law, Bruce Clark went down in a private plane in Canada and was killed instantly. Clark went up with his neighbor, Holger Skyts, in his new airplane for its first trial flight. The plane crashed right after the start and both men were killed.

Remember "Dania's" big dance on November 20 in the South Side Legion. You can buy your tickets now from any member of the club. Remember the big draw will take place that evening.

And then there were the two janitors. They were broom-mates; they even swept together; in fact, they were dust inseparable.

Icelandic Society

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the Fina Oils, and Hudson Bay Oil and Gas, assisting in the completion of the processing plants buildings. He reports the discovery of both oil and gas is creating much activity in developing the area.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Poff (Rusty) wish to announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Donna Lynn, to Larry Jack, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Evans, the wedding to take place, November 14, at Highlands United Church, at 2:00 p.m.

Mrs. J. T. Johannson visited her son, Kenneth, and his wife, in Rochester, Minn., and Edgar and wife in Montreal before returning home via Winnipeg. She plans on being away a month.

Mr. Jack Johnson an employee of the Canadian Chemicals Ltd., returned Oct. 10, from Cleveland, Ohio, where he attended as a delegate a convention of the Chemical, Oil and Atomic Workers' Union.

During the month of August, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Olson, of 11356-111 Ave., undertook a holiday cruise to Hawaii, travelling by boat from Vancouver, via San Francisco and Los Angeles. After a very enjoyable three weeks sight-seeing in the Islands, they returned by air. On Sept. 18 their son Herbert, was joined in marriage to Miss Judith Mills, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Mills of Edmonton. The ceremony took place at Knox United Church, with a reception held in the Club Mocambo. "Herbie" is better known as the 1959 Alberta Curling Champion, and runner-up in the MacDonald Brier in Quebec.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnor Ingaldson visited their former home in Glenboro recently. While there, Mr. Ingaldson had the misfortune to require hospital care, and later recuperated at the home of Mrs. Ingaldson's parents, while she returned home to Edmonton. We are glad to report he is improved in health and expects to resume his duties at the city hall shortly.

A member of the Icelandic Society of Edmonton, living the furthest distance, Mr. Barney Eyford, of Hay River spent a week in the city, the guest of his brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Art Arnfinnson. He was here for medical treatment, and best wishes are extended to him for good health. He was for many years a merchant in that northern post.

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ly closer to realization of a beautiful building in a choice location. Working in close co-operation with this committee, was a volunteer group, giving publicity to each of the five ethnic groups through the medium of the Scandinavian Centre News. On the occasion of the first birthday of the newspaper, it is apparent that its steady growth, and increasing interest reflects great credit to the lady editor, Mrs. F. O. Simmons, and

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